

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, February 12, 2008 – 0800 MST
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (February 8 – February 11)

Initial attack activity:	Heavy (1,368 new fires)
New large fires:	27 (*)
Large fires contained:	17
Uncontained large fires:	12
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1
Fire Use Teams committed:	0

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires:	1,362
New large fires:	27
Uncontained large fires:	12

Blackhorse, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. IMT1 (Quesinberry). One mile northeast of Villamont, VA. Hardwood litter. Extreme fire behavior with rapid runs. Multiple residences threatened. Evacuations in progress.

Little Cuba, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. IMT2 (Wilder). Two miles southeast of New Castle, VA. Hardwood litter. Backing.

Chevron, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land sixteen miles northwest of Midland, TX. Grass. No further information was received.

Carta Valley, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land fourteen miles north of Barksdale, TX. Heavy brush. Smoldering.

Ball Goal, National Forests in Mississippi. Five miles northeast of Brooklyn, MS. Timber and grass. Running. Military range, residences and other structures threatened.

Dillon's Ridge, North Carolina DOF. Five miles east of Columbia, NC. Southern Rough. Running, torching and creeping. Residences threatened.

Sandy Mountain, Eglin Air Force Base, DOD. Ten miles southwest of Defuniak Springs. Southern Rough. No further information was received.

Lynch Road, North Carolina DOF. Two miles southeast of Essex, NC. Timber. Running and torching. Evacuations in effect. Structures threatened.

Camp Elliott, North Carolina DOF. Thirteen miles southeast of Black Mountain, NC. Hardwood litter. Extreme fire behavior.

Dragon Slayer, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. Three miles east of Gypsy, OK. Hardwood litter. Running. Structures, oil wells, and pipelines threatened.

Jump, Florida DOF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Jacksonville, FL. Southern rough. Monitor status. No further information received.

Highway 1, North Carolina DOF. Six miles northeast of Franklinton, NC. Hardwood Litter. Running and torching. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Blackhorse	VA	VAF	1,200	600	10	2/21	199	40	6	15	0	0	75K	FS
* Little Cuba	VA	VAF	400	1,211	10	2/15	8	---	0	3	0	0	15K	FS
* Chevron	TX	TXS	8,900	---	89	2/13	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Carta Valley	TX	TXS	2,100	---	85	2/12	6	1	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Ball Goal	MS	MNF	1,500	500	70	2/13	11	---	0	1	0	0	6K	FS
* Dillon's Ridge	NC	NCS	800	---	60	2/12	46	---	0	9	0	0	NR	ST
* Sandy Mountain	FL	EAQ	600	---	20	2/12	4	---	0	1	0	0	NR	DOD
* Lynch Road	NC	NCS	1,500	---	75	UNK	59	---	0	17	1	9	NR	ST
* Camp Elliott	NC	NCS	100	---	20	UNK	23	---	2	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Dragon Slayer	OK	OMA	126	---	95	UNK	16	---	0	8	0	1	0.25K	BIA
* Jump	FL	FLS	300	---	95	UNK	14	---	11	0	1	0	NR	ST
* Highway 1	NC	NCS	100	---	75	UNK	54	---	0	20	0	2	2K	ST
* Garvens Store Complex	TX	TXS	4,500	---	100	---	1	---	0	0	0	4	NR	PRI
Laureles	TX	TXS	3,000	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Sandy Road	FL	FLS	900	---	100	---	53	---	0	15	2	0	NR	ST
* Cramer	NC	NCS	700	---	100	---	3	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Hackley	TX	TXS	500	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Acorn Hill	NC	NCS	450	---	100	---	1	---	0	0	0	2	NR	ST
* Hopewell Road	TX	TXS	400	---	100	---	5	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Monica	GA	GAS	337	---	100	---	22	---	0	2	1	0	5K	ST
* Old West	TX	TXS	320	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Jack Got Stuck	NC	NCS	288	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1.0K	ST
* Mattassee Lake #1	SC	SCS	573	---	100	---	4	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
* Choppee	SC	SCS	250	---	100	---	27	0	0	7	0	0	NR	ST

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* Franklinton	NC	NCS	200	---	100	---	48	---	0	28	0	0	4K	ST
* Cedar Creek	AL	ALS	160	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Red Flag	NC	NCS	150	---	100	---	2	---	0	0	0	0	0.5K	ST
* Halls Creek	NC	NCS	120	---	100	---	2	---	0	0	0	0	0	ST
* Mattassee Lake #2	SC	SCS	100	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

GAS – Georgia Forestry Commission

ALS – Alabama Forestry Commission

SCS – South Carolina Forestry Commission

Predictive Services Discussion: For Virginia and the Carolinas, cloudy with higher humidity today with rain spreading over the area tonight and Wednesday. For eastern New Mexico, western/central Texas and western Oklahoma, dry today then fire potential increasing Wednesday due to strong winds and low humidity.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

HELICOPTER PERFORMANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS

Certain helicopter missions push the limits of the aircraft's performance capabilities. Items that reduce the effectiveness and increase the risk of the mission include weight, temperature, altitude, and visibility.

- Helicopter missions that transport external loads increase risk.
- Helicopters reach their maximum performance capabilities as temperature and/or altitude increase.
- All helicopters have different maximum performance capabilities, so be aware of the capabilities of the specific helicopter that you are working with.
- Low-level helicopter operations often occur in heavy smoke where hazards (e.g., trees, snags, antennas, visibility, turbulence, and other aircraft) increase the risk level significantly.
- Determine the risk level for every mission. Is the risk level acceptable? Can the risk be mitigated? If the risk is not acceptable or it cannot be mitigated, then the mission should not be flown.
- A large part of the success of a helicopter mission is the result of good communications between the pilot and the user on the ground.
- Accurate target and hazard descriptions are essential to a safe mission. Locate this information and relay it to the pilot. Things to consider in the target description include:
 - Have you considered what the target would look like from the air?
 - Are you located where the pilot can see you?
 - Do you have a signal mirror?
 - Are you using cardinal directions or clock directions in relation to the track of the aircraft?
 - What is the wind direction? Provide this information to the pilot.
 - Are all firefighters clear of the drop area?
 - Is there a safer way to carry out an effective suppression action?

Fires and Acres (February 8 – February 11)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					12		12
Southern Area	FIRES	16		4	3	1,312	27	1,362
	ACRES	461		74	22	35,536	4,077	40,170
TOTAL	FIRES	16	0	4	3	1,318	27	1,368
	ACRES	461	0	74	22	35,548	4,077	40,182

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
Northern California	FIRES				1		2	3
	ACRES				0		0	0
Southern California	FIRES		3			56	4	63
	ACRES		0			46	0	46
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					600		600
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	13	7			38	2	60
	ACRES	2	4			13,579	500	14,085
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					15	4	19
	ACRES					6,364	2	6,366
Eastern Area	FIRES				2	61	9	72
	ACRES				27	126	84	237
Southern Area	FIRES	307		50	4	3,591	54	4,006
	ACRES	12,114		2,869	22	142,522	4,437	161,964
TOTAL	FIRES	320	10	50	8	3,762	76	4,226
	ACRES	12,116	4	2,869	49	163,237	5,026	183,301

Seven Year Average Fires	3,057
Seven Year Average Acres	117,385

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres (February 8 – February 11)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						15	15
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						10	10
Southwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		25					25
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				2	2
	ACRES		43				249	292
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			3	1	15	51	70
	ACRES			1,303	300	6,207	52,883	60,693
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	3	1	15	55	75
	ACRES	0	68	1,303	300	6,207	53,157	61,035

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2				8	10
	ACRES		41				155	196
Northern California	FIRES	10	3		1		27	41
	ACRES	213	36		0		132	381
Southern California	FIRES		1				24	25
	ACRES		5				329	334
Northern Rockies	FIRES		5				2	7
	ACRES		1,150				81	1,231
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2		1	4	8	15
	ACRES		3		15	60	211	289
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		11				22	33
Southwest	FIRES	12	4		2		22	40
	ACRES	1,223	1,290		25		1,498	4,036
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	7	4	1	5	45	66
	ACRES	10	296	112	110	63	7,491	8,082
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		0	3	4
	ACRES			1		221	78	300
Southern Area	FIRES	1		31	17	76	173	298
	ACRES	240		9,296	11,909	49,292	153,105	223,842
TOTAL	FIRES	27	25	36	22	85	313	508
	ACRES	1,686	2,832	9,409	12,059	49,636	163,102	238,724

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						70	70
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	70	70

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